

REMARKS

The disclosure was objected to because of informalities on page 12 of the specification as originally filed in a list of related cases. The specification has been amended to replace the attorney docket numbers with an indication of the present status of the list of related cases.

Claims 1-55 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 6-8, 11, 14, 16-18, 21, 24, 26-28, 31, 34, 36-38, 41, 44, 46-48, and 51-53 are being amended. No new matter is being introduced.


Claims 1-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, the claims have been amended. Applicant submits that the claims as now amended are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, 41, 51, and 52 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential steps (MPEP § 2172.01). Accordingly, the claims have been amended. Applicant submits that the claims as now amended are in condition for allowance.

Because Claims 2-10, 12-20, 22-30, 32-40, and 42-50 depend from Claims 1, 11, 21, 31, and 41, these Claims should be allowed.

Independent Claim 53 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the disclosed invention is inoperative and therefore lacks utility. This claim has been amended to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 101. Applicant submits that Claim 53 as now amended is in condition for allowance.

Because Claims 54-55 depend from Claim 53, these claims should also be allowed.



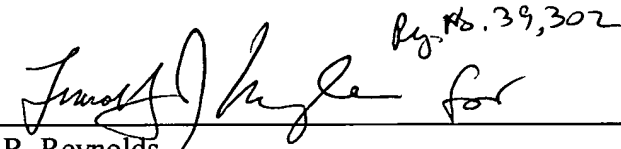
CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (Claims 1-55) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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